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Mayor Walsh's Greenovate Boston Program Announces First Citywide Community Yard Sale

Invites every resident to participate

BOSTON - Today Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced Boston's first citywide Community Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29. The event, organized by Greenovate Boston, seeks to promote the reuse and recycling of goods, and reduce the amount of bulk waste sent to the curb. It is one of many new steps the City is taking to help reduce solid waste and bolster recycling efforts in Boston.

"Disposing of bulk waste comes at a significant cost to the City," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "Yard sales are a great way for residents to divert waste, save money, and even get to know your neighbors better."

Residents can participate by hosting a yard sale on June 28 or 29, and register online at Yardsale.GreenovateBoston.org. Via this website, shoppers will be able to see a map of all the yard sales being held that weekend across the city, and preview items for sale. The website application also provides resources to help residents recycle and donate any unsold items.

"The Community Yard Sale is just one of many steps the City is taking to help reduce trash sent to the curb," said Brian Swett, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "It also provides a great opportunity to help educate and raise awareness about the importance of being eco-conscious consumers and citizens."

Other steps being taken across departments to make it easier for residents and visitors to recycle and compost more in Boston include:

- Downtown neighborhoods will [increase recycling days](#) from once a week to twice a week, and reduce weekly trash pickup from three times a week to twice a week starting July 1;
- The city's [leaf and yard waste collection](#) program has been expanded into the summer;
- Greenovate Boston will launch a reusable water bottle campaign this summer.

About Greenovate Boston

Greenovate Boston is a program of the Mayor's Office and is a collective movement to ensure a greener, healthier and more prosperous future by helping Boston reach its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent by 2020 and 80 percent by 2050. Help shape Boston's Climate Action Plan by attending the Greenovate Boston Community Summit on May 31st. Learn more at <http://summit.greenovateboston.org/>.